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Investigators overseeing schools admissions uncover irregularities from parents trying to get their child a place

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A number of council-run old people's homes in Northamptonshire could be closed over the next three years

'King Con' sent to jail
Notorious fraudster Paul Bint who swindled women has been sent to prison for three years

End of road for cameras?

SPEED cameras at the side of Northamptonshire's roads could vanish following an announcement that their usefulness is to be examined by council chiefs.

The leaders of Northamptonshire County Council yesterday announced a major review of the county's 40-plus speed cameras.

The authority plans to look at every single camera and work out whether they are actually helping to reduce accidents.

The authority has pledged that where cameras are no longer needed they will either be covered with bags or taken down.

The authority's cabinet member for roads, Councillor Heather Smith (*Con, Prebendal*) said: "I think all the speed cameras need looking at, some of them have been there a very long time now so drivers know exactly where they are, slam their brakes on as they drive past, then just speed off again."

The authority has said where cameras are found to be no longer needed they could be replaced by less controversial safety measures such as chicanes or flashing speed limit signs.

Councillor Smith said: "There are a number of cameras in the county where we have to look at how effective they are and what alternatives might be more appropriate.

"Some of them may well need to stay because they're serving a useful purpose, but others are probably no longer effective at all."

During the Conservative Party conference in October, Shadow Transport Secretary, Theresa Villers, announced the party would scrap funding for new cameras if it won the General Election. Following the announcement, Conservative council leaders in Swindon announced they would remove their town's eight cameras.

Councillor Smith said she hoped Northamptonshire's new approach would give a fresh focus to road safety projects in the county, moving towards educating drivers on the reasons not to speed rather than punishing them.

She said: "We're not doing anything simply to get money out of motorists, our objective is to make the county's roads safe to drive on."

The number of road deaths in Northamptonshire are currently the lowest ever recorded.

A total of 35 people died on the county's roads in 2008, the lowest number since records began in 1960, and 39 per cent below figures recorded in 2007.

The possible move away from speed cameras has been welcomed by opponents of the devices.

Kingsthorpe-based transport expert, Paul Withrington, said: "Speed cameras have been a complete disaster in my opinion.

"I'd certainly be in favour of them being removed. I'm bitterly opposed to this policy which forces us to drive by numbers and dishes out unreasonable punishments if you happen to slip up."

The council's latest plans will be discussed by the authority's cabinet next week.

■The county council is looking at the effectiveness of the cameras

Playing waiting game

DAMON Hill has said he believes patience is needed if Silverstone is to secure the long-term future of the British Grand Prix.

The British Racing Drivers' Club president was part of a three-strong Silverstone delegation at the final grand prix of the season in Abu Dhabi over the weekend hoping to finalise a deal with Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone to secure next year's event at the Northamptonshire circuit.

But, although hopes have been high following the failure of Leicestershire circuit Donington Park's bid to stage the race, Hill said no agreement had been reached.

He said: "There was a lot of excitement when the opportunity came back and Bernie said he was prepared to discuss the situation. We did try to get a deal but the distraction of the weekend meant it was not the right time. I'm not despondent, though. We'll let the dust settle and see what happens over the next week or so."

In previous years, Silverstone would already have been selling tickets for the blue riband event for more than four months, but the 1996 world champion knows Ecclestone cannot be rushed to a decision.

He said: "It will be a shame if Bernie does let it drag on.

"As a business, Silverstone has kept itself primed and expecting to look to a renewal of its grand prix contract. It is geared up to run a grand prix and, the longer that goes on, the more damaging it is to that business without a contract."

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Celebrating 50 years of service

A MOTORWAY icon has celebrated 50 years of cups of coffee, famous faces and being the last bastion of both northern and southern England.

Former employees of Watford Gap service station met yesterday to celebrate its 50th birthday.

The celebrations at Britain's oldest motorway service station also marked 50 years since the first section of the M1, between London and Crick, was opened.

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Blunder on game board is criticised

■ The Delapre Abbey square, complete with a picture of Fawsley Hall

THE makers of Northampton's Monopoly board have been criticised by historians for an embarrassing blunder on the identification of one of the town's top landmarks.

The Northampton board had its official launch last week.

But excited players who snapped up the first copies found the £100 Delapre Abbey square contained a picture of Fawsley Hall, which is near Daventry, instead of the 864-year-old Northampton landmark.

The mistake was spotted just hours before the company was due to start a second print run of the board, which is already selling well in the shops.

A spokesman for the game's makers said: "We've become aware of an unfortunate mix-up, which we're looking into as we speak.

"We'll be correcting it immediately for the next print run which will now take place in a few days time."

The mistake has led to speculation the boards containing the mistake could one day become collectors' items.

■ Delapre Abbey, left, and Fawsley Hall, which was mistakenly shown on the Monopoly board

The chairman of the Friends of Delapre Abbey, Graham Walker, said: "It's a real shame this has happened.

"There can only be a few people in Northampton who don't know what Delapre Abbey looks like.

"But I would imagine it would be worth buying one of the early boards now, they might become quite rare."

It is not known how the photographic mix-up happened, but the board clearly shows the 16th century Fawsley Hall building sandwiched between Guildhall Road and Holy Sepulchre Church, instead of the 12th century Delapre Abbey.

Fawsley Hall's general manager Brian Garside said: "As far as I know, I don't think they ever contacted us to be on the board. So I'm sort of speechless, because I wasn't aware of this at all.

"The Monopoly board is obviously a great thing to be associated with, but I suppose it's just a shame it's our picture and Delapre Abbey's name."

The game is currently on sale at shops across Northampton for a recommended price of £25.

US crime show to film town scientist

A PRODUCTION crew from America's Most Wanted – the US equivalent of Crimewatch – will come to Northampton this weekend to film a pioneering fingerprint scientist in the hope of cracking a high profile case.

Dr John Bond, Northamptonshire Police's scientific support manager, created a new technique which has allowed forensic investigators to spot fingerprint marks on metal bullets, even after they have been washed clean.

The film crew will come to force headquarters at Wootton Hall on Sunday to film Dr Bond demonstrating the technique, which has already found evidence on a bullet used to kill an American pensioner two years ago.

Dr Bond, who worked with colleagues at the University of Leicester to develop the method, said: "We are very pleased that this new technique to enhance fingerprints on shell casings, by means of visualising fingerprint sweat corrosion of the metal, has been able to assist a number of police forces.

"The interest being shown by America's Most Wanted and its presenter John Walsh, is a reflection of how this technology will affect the recovery of forensic evidence from shell casings in the future.

"We are very pleased to be a part of AMW's feature and hope that the increased publicity may assist in detecting the North Richland Hills, Texas, murder that we have recovered fingerprint evidence for."

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■ Annette Marriott with one of the African land snails which needs rehoming *CE picture by SHARON LUCEY 091102SL44*

Take in a slippery creature

AN ANIMAL charity in Northamptonshire is appealing for new owners to take some of its more unusual residents – giant African land snails.

Animals in Need currently has 14 of the slippery customers at its rescue centre awaiting rehoming and staff are appealing for those in search of something a little bit different to give them a call.

Annette Marriott, centre manager, said:

"These snails are not difficult to look after and all they really need is a nice warm tank to keep them from going into hibernation.

"They would make a good first pet for someone. Children love them and they also appeal to reptile enthusiasts."

Mrs Marriott said the centre had received the snails from a number of different places in the county.

She said: "I think people buy them thinking they'll be a bit different but then they get a bit bored and give them to us.

"They're not a companion like a cat or a dog and also, if you're not careful and don't take their eggs out, before you know it you will have hundreds of them because they can lay 80 eggs in one go."

Animals in Need is based at Pine Tree Farm in Little Irchester and can be contacted on 01933 278080.

Victims to join Facebook chat

YOUNG victims of anti-social behaviour in Northamptonshire have been invited to talk about their concerns with police in a new Facebook forum.

Insp Steve Lingley, sector commander for safer community teams in South West Northampton, said the new group was part of a drive to improve dialogue between officers and victims.

He said: "We have launched the discussion group on Facebook to mark Not In My Neighbourhood Week and open up the issue of anti-social behaviour to new audiences.

"I am aware that we have traditional ways of consulting with people in this county but we do miss a large chunk of people who would not ordinarily think of attending organised meetings or visiting the police."

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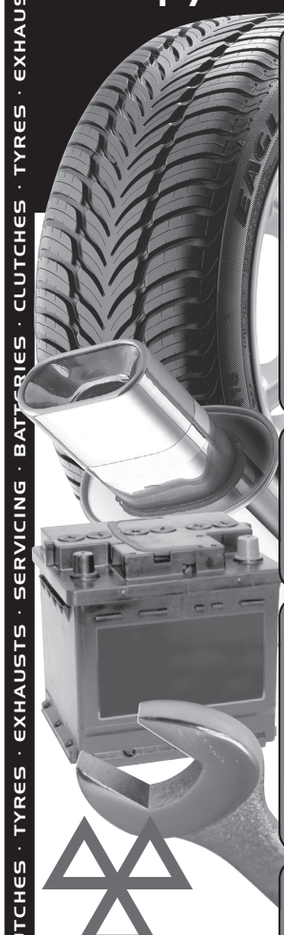

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Party in pyjamas

■ Children raising money for The Children's Trust in their pyjama's at St Mark's Church in Kingsthorpe

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CHILDREN in Northampton have helped raise money for charity by wearing pyjamas to class.

Youngsters taking part in music classes with pre-school group Rhythm Time at St Mark's Church in Kingsthorpe, helped raise money for The Children's Trust as part of Humphrey's Pyjama Week.

Owner Kathy Doolan said: "The children and staff had great fun wearing their favourite pyjamas to their classes. This is a great charity for us to support and Rhythm Time classes throughout the UK are hoping to raise well over £5,000 which will be a tremendous achievement and will really make a difference."

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The *Chronicle & Echo* reported last month that allegations against officers in the county had risen at three times the national average in the period up to the end of March this year.

And the latest statistics from the Professional Standards Department (PSD) show that between April and September this year complaints have risen yet again.

A report to Northamptonshire Police Authority's performance monitoring committee has shown there were 464 complaints against officers in the past six months, up by more than a third compared with the same period the year before.

Det Supt Mark Lacey, head of the PSD, said in the report: "A significant increase in complaint volumes was experienced in June and July 2009. These increases were in relation to all complaint types and were not specific to any particular issue.

"The volumes reduced slightly in August but September figures were again higher than the monthly average. This trend is being closely monitored and analysis is being conducted to fully understand why."

Complaints of neglect of duty rose by more than 50 per cent. In Northamptonshire West, which includes Northampton, Daventry and Towcester as well as the south of the county, there were 210 complaints made against officers.

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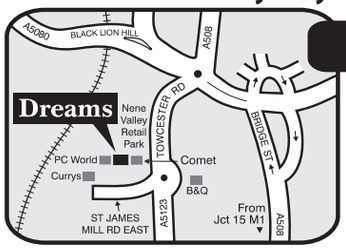

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Church spokesman Mike Lowis said anyone who would like to have the name of a loved one included in the special service, which will take place on Sunday, should get in touch.

He said: "As is usual at such services, all those who have given their lives for their country will be remembered, but there will also be an opportunity for people to include the names of relatives, loved ones or friends who died in conflict.

"This will make the act of remembrance a more personal event for those who have experienced the loss of those known to them.

"Those people who do not normally worship at Park Avenue, but who nevertheless might wish to participate in this act of remembrance, may also submit names and will be warmly welcomed at the service."

Anyone who would like to provide details to be included in the service can call Graham Clarke on Northampton 785847 or email clrjdi@aol.com.

The service will begin at 10.30am.

Don't lose right to vote

VOTERS in 25,000 homes in Northampton will be visited by canvassers in the next few weeks in an attempt to bring the electoral register up to date.

Anyone who has yet to return their voter registration form to Northampton Borough Council has been told to expect a knock on the door between now and the end of November.

Representatives will ask for details of who lives at each property and what their nationality is, and will also ask for signatures.

So far, almost 70,000 potential voters have confirmed their occupancy details and returned their registration forms. The majority of these, more than 47,000, were sent by post but 11,000 people used the council's automated phone system and nearly 12,000 filled in the form via the internet.

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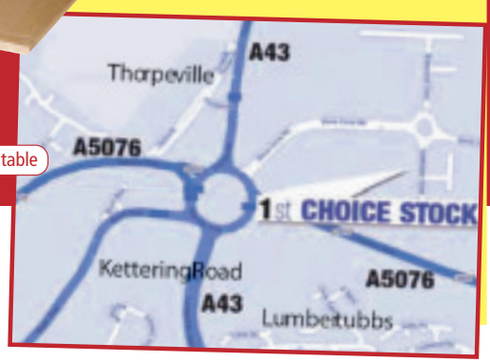

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Matt to be best doctor

THE man in charge of the new series of *Doctor Who* has claimed Northampton actor Matt Smith (*pictured*) will be "the best" when he takes on the show's star role in the new year.

The former Northampton School for Boys pupil was revealed as the new Doctor at the beginning of 2009. The BBC has not yet confirmed when his first episode will be screened, but it is widely expected he will take over from David Tennant's Doctor at the end of an episode scheduled for New Year's Day.

The programme's new head writer, Steven Moffat, admitted he felt the pressure of taking it on. But, he said he had no doubt of Smith's ability to pull-off the role of the 900-year-old Time Lord, adding: "He's all the things you'd expect, including ancient.

"He's someone you can't take your eyes off."

At 27, Smith will be the youngest actor ever to play the Doctor.

As well as Smith and Tennant, the New Year's Day episode is also expected to see a number of regular *Doctor Who* characters return – including Billie Piper, who plays Rose Tyler, Catherine Tate, who plays Donna Noble, and John Simm, who plays the Master.

Discussing Tennant's final episode, the man who brought *Doctor Who* back to our television screens, writer Russell T Davies, said: "We finished the episode and we were crying our eyes out. It's very lovely, powerful stuff, it's David Tennant at his absolute finest."

The next episode of *Doctor Who* to be broadcast will be *The Waters Of Mars* on Sunday, November 15.

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Local company Homesure have just become the first local installers to be official ***Pilkington energiKare Window Partners.*** John Connolly (pictured) Managing Director of Homesure said ' Last year I visited all the trade shows and listened closely to the things that my customers were asking for and realised that it was vital we pioneered the new energy efficient windows available from the manufacturers. In January of this year we took the lead and made energy rated windows available across our range of products. The results have been astonishing and I am pleased to say we are now breaking sales records for replacement windows and doors. I am very proud of the ways in which Homesure have led the local industry with driving prices down and giving customers the fairest deal.

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Homesure are no strangers to being pioneers in the home improvement market. Having been the first local company to openly display their prices in newspaper advertisements, they have now launched an easy to use website where customers can get an instant online quote. Visit www.onlinewindowquotes.co.uk

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TRIBUTES have been paid to a popular businessman and former captain of Northampton Golf Club, following his death.

Roger Starmer, aged 71, (*pictured*) who set up the accountancy practice Smith, Starmer, Hart in Billing Road, died of heart failure in Northampton General Hospital last Sunday.

As well as being passionate about providing a good service to his many clients in the town, Mr Starmer was a keen supporter of the Cobblers and the county cricket team.

His son Graham, aged 41, said: "Being an accountant was a job he enjoyed.

Even after he retired he continued to help the golf club out with financial advice and was still doing some work for his old clients.

"All the messages I've had from people at the golf club talk about his good humour. On Sunday lunchtimes he would always have a funny story or mother-in-law joke."

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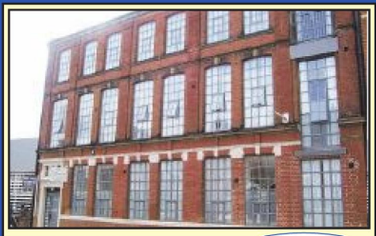

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xxx
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Make up for all she suffered here
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To hold her hand in a better land
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By all her family

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God Bless you Son
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Edwin - Jon
xxxxx
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Road test

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Styling will only get you so far if the car drives poorly. Several manufacturers have found this to their cost, but the new Bravo comes up trumps on that score. It's not far off the class leaders when it comes to sharp handling through a series of twisties and the selection of engines is, by and large, better than the more obvious Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra offerings.

Petrol engines first. The range opens with a 90bhp normally aspirated 1.4-litre unit. Most buyers, however, will go for the responsive T-Jet turbocharged versions of this engine in either 120 or 150bhp guise.

These use the latest turbocharger technology to offer punchy performance with decent fuel economy and low emissions.

With diesel engines, Fiat is leveraging its experience to great effect. Two 1.6-litre MultiJet diesels are offered, with either 105 or 120bhp, plus a 2.0-litre unit with 165bhp. In the Active and Dynamic trim levels, the 1.6 Multijet engine is also available in an Eco option, reducing the engine's CO2 emissions from 129g/km to 119g/km and boosts the Bravo's combined fuel consumption from 57.6 to 62.8mpg.

The more powerful 2.0-litre diesel has some real muscle to it, getting the Bravo from rest to 62mph in 8.2 seconds and topping 130mph. The 360Nm of torque is superior to something like a Subaru Impreza WRX.

It's easy to forgive the Bravo any minor shortcomings when you walk round the car, taking in its beautifully integrated detailing and elegant proportions.

Just as the Grande Punto added a touch of the exotic to the supermini class, so the new Bravo does the same for cars the next size up. Though this is not the largest car in the class, there's a decent amount of luggage space in that curved rump.

The interior feels very well built. Bright finish plastics lift the cabin and the controls are easy to figure out without recourse to the manual. It all looks agreeably Italianate. Fiat has really got the hang of the whole soft-touch dashboard moulding in recent years.

Winner of a coveted five-star Euro NCAP crash safety rating, the Bravo sits squarely at the top of its category.

Prices start at around £13,000 for the entry level 1.4-litre petrol model, with the diesels from around £15,000.

Fiat Bravo

FACTS AT A GLANCE

REVIEW BY ANDY ENRIGHT

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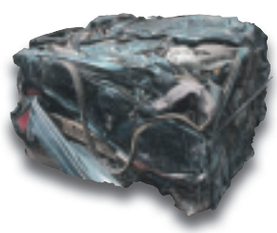

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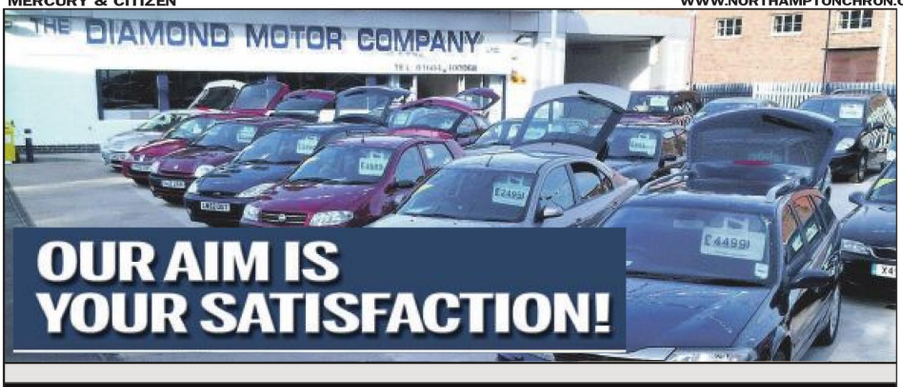

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Andy Murray played his first match after taking six weeks off due to a wrist injury. He beat Daniel Gimeno-Traver 6-3 6-1

Mujati hit for six with ban

SAINTS won't be appealing against Brian Mujati's six-week ban for pushing referee Nigel Owens.

Physical abuse of a match official comes with a minimum ban of 24 weeks, so Saints will be relieved that independent judicial officer Rod McKenzie took into account Mujati being concussed at the time, and also his guilty plea at an independent disciplinary hearing in Glasgow on Monday.

The club was privately seething that Mujati had been cited in the first place for pushing Owens out of the way as the South African prop ran to a ruck in the Heineken Cup defeat at Perpignan more than two weeks ago.

Especially as Sale's Lee Thomas had done exactly the same in the Premiership earlier this season with no repercussion.

Saints have until today in which to appeal, but with the threat of Mujati being banned for six months hanging over the big prop, they will probably take the decision on the chin.

It means the former Springbok will be out of action until December 3, so he will miss the Anglo-Welsh Cup games against Ospreys and Saracens, and the Guinness Premiership clashes against Harlequins and Newcastle.

His first game back will be the home Premiership clash against Bath on December 5.

Mujati has already sat out two weeks of the ban after the initial hearing in Dublin was adjourned and McKenzie imposed an interim suspension.

Saints are back in action tonight when they take on Ospreys at the Liberty Stadium in Swansea in their first Anglo-Welsh Cup clash of the season.

Jim Mallinder's men will be without England trio Dylan Hartley, Shane Geraghty and Courtney Lawes, with all three named in the England 22 for Saturday's clash against Australia at Twickenham.

Full-back Ben Foden is available for the trip to south Wales after being released by England boss Martin Johnson.

Saints go into the game on the back of Saturday's 29-15 east midlands derby defeat at the hands of Leicester at Welford Road.

Sampson hit by Marshall blow

■ STOKE RETURN – Ben Marshall has been recalled by Premier League Stoke City after spending the first three months of the season with the Cobblers

COBBLERS boss Ian Sampson is confident Liam Davis can do a job on the right wing after Ben Marshall was recalled by parent club Stoke City.

The Town manager had hoped to extend the loan spell of Marshall, who has been one of the side's better performers this season, after his initial three-month spell expired.

But Stoke boss Tony Pulis has opted to take the 18-year-old back to the Britannia Stadium and monitor him from within the Potters' training set-up and in second-team matches.

It is a blow that could have been worse. Sampson hasn't named a starting 11 with Marshall in it for the past three games, and the return to fitness of Davis also helps.

Former Coventry City winger Davis, who scored some crucial goals last season but had no luck at all with injuries, could find himself fast-tracked back into the first team, albeit in a right-sided role.

"It's a bit unfortunate for us to lose Ben but there you go," said Sampson, who has verbally secured the services of on-loan Middlesbrough defender John Johnson for Saturday's FA Cup first-round tie against Fleetwood Town.

"We wanted to keep him but they asked for him to go back there so they could monitor him and have a look at him in their reserves.

"I've got one or two players in mind who we could bring in to play on the right, but they've all been involved with squads because of the seven subs rule.

"If we were to go down that road then we might have to wait a couple of weeks before we could get someone in, but there are players here who can play there.

"We could have a look at Liam (Davis) there, he's looking very bright in training, and he could do a job cutting in onto his left.

"Ideally he'd have a couple of games for the reserves but the reserves don't have a game so we don't have the option to do that."

Meanwhile, skipper Craig Hinton has warned against any complacency from the Cobblers ahead of the clash with Fleetwood, who play in Blue Square North.

"They have done well to get into the first round, they came through a tough replay against Kidderminster in the last round, so they will come at us all guns blazing," said Hinton.

"It's just the same as if we were playing a team two or three leagues above us, we would want to beat them, and it's what the FA Cup is about.

"It should be a good game, and we are looking forward to it, getting the win and getting into the next round."

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